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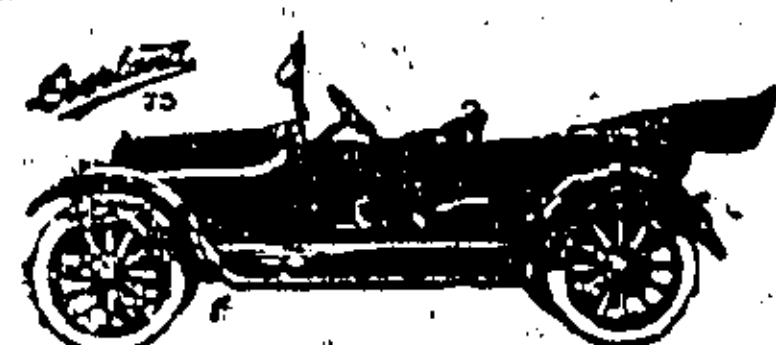
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THE WAR. A TITANIC STRUGGLE.

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FURIOUS FIGHTING.

STEADY BRITISH PROGRESS.

LONDON, April 23.
Reuter's Correspondent at British
Headquarters, telegraphing this even-
ing, states that further fighting is
progressing.

The situation can be summed up
as follows:—We have taken over
1,500 prisoners. Our guns have in-
flicted very heavy casualties. We
have done well in places. We have
done so well in others, that we are
now confronted not with a regular
trench system but with immovable
disconnected defensive patches in
the shape of small redoubts, traverses
and saps. Hence, while the Ger-
mans who are indifferently sheltered,
are heavily punished by our shell
fire, the advance is slow against their
machine-guns. Our business at present
is the clearing out of the widely-
burrowed enemy by pounding every
acre of the honey-combed ground
instead of assaulting positions front-
ally. The Germans are bound
desperately to resist here, but the
more they resist the heavier will be
their losses.

FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

GERMANS ACCEPTING BATTLE IN THE OPEN.

LONDON, April 24.
Reuter's Correspondent at Head-
quarters, telegraphing to-day, states:
I believe that it is true battle
which is now progressing on the
British front is the fiercest of
the whole war. The Germans are
throwing in large reserves and have
brought up a great number of fresh
guns. They probably realise that
the battle now developing may
assume a decisive character and are
therefore, resisting desperately.
This is exactly what we most wanted.
They are certainly now accepting
battle in the open. Hitherto we
have gained much and lost nothing.
As I write, the guns are as boister-
ous as a hurricane. The great
struggle is going on with undiminished
intensity, under the deep blue
sky everywhere.
I hear the German casualties are
very heavy.

ENEMY COUNTER-ATTACKING REPEATEDLY IN MASS.

SUFFERING APPALLING LOSSES.

LONDON, April 24.
Reuter's Correspondent at Head-
quarters, telegraphing to-day, states
that the Germans clearly realise
and are desperately trying to counter-
the menace to their whole system
of communications lying on the new
British and French offensive. During
the past 24 hours they have been
throwing in strategic reserves whole-
sale and recklessly, and also rushing
up guns and ammunition as fast as
possible. The enemy's present tac-
tics strongly contrast with their
recent methods, when they mani-
fested a desire to conserve their man
power. He is repeatedly counter-
attacking in mass, regardless of the
appalling cost.

Despite the furious resistance we
are steadily gaining ground at various
important points forming the main
objective. To the east of Monchy,
we crept towards the high ground
across the Aubepines gully, thereby
improving our hold on this key to
the position.

Our artillery appears to be gradu-
ally subduing the very active enemy
fire in the region of the Neuve. We
are constantly keeping the Arme-

Douai railway under fire, making the
bringing up of Hun ammunition very
difficult. The fighting is most severe
in the Scarpe valley. The stead-
fastness of the British infantry was
never more splendidly demonstrated
than in the heroic fighting which is
proceeding from Gavrelle to Croi-
selles.

It is impossible, within a reason-
able space, to tell of the heroism and
dash displayed. We progressed well
to the south of the Cambrai Road.
Strong patrols are established on the
St. Quentin canal at Vandhuille,
midway between St. Quentin and
Douai. The cutting of the Canal
deprives the Germans of one of their
main means of communication.

40 AEROPLANES BROUGHT DOWN.

One of the most striking features
has been the sudden and emphatic
reassertion of our air dominance.
Yesterday we brought down 40 aer-
oplanes, of which 15 crashed to the
ground. Only two of ours are miss-
ing. Our airmen certainly are
justifying their expressed ability to
drive the Hun from the sky in a
week, given fine weather, of which
we have had three days now.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORT.

OVER 1,500 PRISONERS: MORE COMING IN.

LONDON, April 24.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reports:—

Severe fighting continued on Mon-
day evening and during the night,
along the whole front, from Croiselles
to the northward of Gavrelle. The
enemy constantly repeated his unsuccess-
ful counter-attacks with great
determination and losses. We main-
tained our positions which we gained
on Monday.

He further progressed to the east-
ward of Monchy-le-Preux, and also
in the neighbourhood of Roex. We
successfully beat off a violent
counter-attack at Gavrelle.

Our prisoners exceed 1,500 and
many more are coming in.

We gained ground during the night
on a wide front to the east of Epéhy,
and reached the St. Quentin Canal.
In the neighbourhood of Vendhuille
we captured the villages of Villers-
plouich and Beaucamp, further to
the north.

PROGRESS BY THE FRENCH.

LONDON, April 24.

A French communiqué reports:
Our artillery beat down some
enemy batteries in the regions of
St. Quentin and the Oise.

Two German reconnaissances,
endeavouring to reach our lines, in
the direction of Harcourt, were
repulsed with heavy losses.

There is a violent artillery struggle
in the region of Heurbaive and in the
Foulon valley and at Craonne.

There were minor actions enabling
us to advance and improve our posi-
tions on the plateau of Chemins-des-
Dames, and in the direction of Juvin-
court, where we carried a German
post.

We successfully bombarded the
enemy's lines of communication in
the Champagne.

FRENCH HOSPITAL SHIPS TO CARRY GERMAN WOUNDED.

PARIS, April 24.

It was officially stated today after the
German announcement that hospital
ships would be torpedoed, the French
Government intimated that German
prisoners would be embarked on such
ships.

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HONGKONG AND GERMAN TRADE.

PROPOSED EXCLUSION OF GERMANS AFTER THE WAR.

PRACTICAL UNANIMITY OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

REMARKS BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR RESIDENT.

As briefly reported in last night's China Mail, an extraordinary meeting of members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last evening for the purpose of hearing a statement from the Chairman and representative of the Chamber on the Legislative Council (the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak) with respect to the attitude of the Government towards the proposal made on behalf of the Chamber that the Germans should be excluded from the Colony for ten years after the war.

The attendance was very large, the following members being present:—Sir C. P. Clatter, C.M.G., Messrs. H. A. Cartwright, W. Dunbar, A. G. Gordon, R. Hancock, W. Logan, M. S. Sassoon, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., F. P. Tait, G. Lindin, A. B. The Swedish Trading Co., Ltd., C. A. Arendt (Arendt Bros.), W. H. Bell and W. Manning (Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.), T. N. Leung (The Bank Lane, Ltd.), S. Jengite (Bank of Taiwan, Ltd.), A. Bignon (Banker & Co.), L. Derindogian (Banque de l'Indo-Chine), A. J. Borelho (Borelho Bros.), F. C. Butcher (Butcher & Co., Ltd.), V. L. Fairly (British American Tobacco Co., Ltd.), G. T. Edkins (Butterfield & Swire), F. W. S. Evans (Cathedral Macgregor), J. N. Wallace (Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd.), H. B. Gropier (Cunawsee Dalrymple & Co.), J. S. Thomson (Carmichael & Clarke), W. L. Carter (China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd.), T. Leaman (China Light & Power Co., Ltd.), H. Taylor (China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.), C. H. P. Hay (China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.), J. M. Shaw (China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.), B. W. Tape (China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd.), J. Thomas (Compagnie Des Messageries Maritimes), J. L. M. do Rozario (Connell Bros.), Hon. Mr. P. S. Shelin (David Sassoon & Co., Ltd.), A. David and C. J. Ellis (S. J. David & Co.), F. B. L. Bowley (Dennis & Bowley), S. H. Dodyell (Dodwell & Co., Ltd.), D. E. Donnelly (Donnelly & Whyte), H. P. White (Douglas S.S. Co.), K. S. Morrison (Eastern Asbestos Co.), E. A. M. Williams (Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong), C. M. S. Aves (Fung Tung), A. B. Bayworth (The General Electric Co. of China, Ltd.), A. O. Lang (Gibb, Livingston & Co.), R. Henderson (Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.), W. Patten (Gillman & Co., Ltd.), T. Arthur (Goddard & Douglas), H. Hancock (A. & S. Hancock), W. A. Hannibal (W. A. Hannibal & Co.), W. E. Clark (Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.), G. Currie (Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.), F. Graham (Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.), W. S. Brown (Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.), J. J. Tavaras (Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.), N. J. Stabb (Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), W. E. Roberts (Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.), B. M. Dyer (Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.), T. F. Hough (Hughes & Hough), W. M. Humphreys and W. G. Humphreys (W. G. Humphreys & Co.), H. Humphreys (J. D. Humphreys & Co.), T. B. Pearce (J. D. Hutcheson & Co.), A. A. Olaxton

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The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided, supported by the members of the committee, Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Mr. C. Montague, Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Hon. Mr. E. Shelin, Mr. N. J. Stabb, Mr. W. A. Patten and Mr. A. S. D. Cousland.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said:—The hour for which this meeting was called having already passed, I will proceed to address you on the subject for which you have been called together this afternoon. Briefly, it is this: that a resolution which was unanimously adopted by your elected committee was rejected by the Legislative Council, and we have now brought you here to put it before you for you to endorse it, if it seems to you fit. The resolution which I have to propose, and it is identical to the one as that proposed at the Legislative Council, is "That it is the opinion of this meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce that it is in the best interests of the Colony that persons of German nationality should be excluded therefrom for a period of at least ten years following the declaration of peace, and that subsequently they only be admitted into the Colony under strict licence."

And now, gentlemen, we content that, speaking on behalf of the Chamber, there should be no hesitation on the part of the Government in adopting this resolution. It was largely academic, and did not seek legislation; but merely asked that the considered, and carefully considered, opinion of your elected Committee should be put before the authorities at Home who are shortly meeting to consider this very question. We claimed that we had a right to voice our opinion, as, whilst the greater Colonies will be represented

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TELEGRAMS.

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MESOPOTAMIA.

SEVERE HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING. BRITISH OCCUPY SAMARRIA STATION.

PARIS, April 24. General Maude reports that the battle on the right bank of the Tigris, between Samarra and Istabulat, continued during the night of April 22.

There was severe hand-to-hand fighting and numerous enemy counter-attacks.

We drove out the enemy from a well-entrenched position which was elaborately prepared with machine-guns and dugouts. We pursued the enemy and occupied Samarra station on April 23. The enemy hastily destroyed everything possible.

Our captures include 16 locomotives, 224 railway trucks and two ammunition barges.

The enemy's casualties on April 21 and 22 were heavy.

THE FIGHTING IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, April 24.

An official report from Egypt states: Reinforced Turkish forces hold a strongly entrenched position from Gaza to Beersheba.

The organization of the positions was gained, fronting the Turkish mainline, is proceeding satisfactorily.

We blew up an ammunition dump at Gaza.

MR. BONAR LAW'S SON WOUNDED AND MISSING.

LONDON, April 24.

Lieutenant Law, of the Borderers, second son of Mr. Bonar Law, was wounded in Palestine, and is missing.

FRENCH PATROL BOAT SHELLS BEYROUT.

PARIS, April 24.

A French patrol boat, on the morning of April 23, entered the defended port of Beyrouth, and left without being damaged, after firing 24 shots and drawing the enemy's fire.

GERMAN REASON FOR FELLING FRUIT TREES.

AMSTERDAM, April 24.

It is officially announced from Berlin that the reason for felling fruit trees in the evacuated territory, is to prevent the use of the leaves in the summer time, as enemy cover.

HOLLAND'S DEFENCES.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF WAR.

THE HAGUE, April 24.

In the First Chamber, replying to questions, the Minister of War gave assurances that the Dutch anti-Zeppelin guns were efficient. Measures were being considered for a stricter supervision of foreigners, and the Government considered that the completion of the coast defences was necessary.

GERMAN BLOW TO RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

FOR WHICH THE GERMAN RULERS MUST PAY.

LONDON, April 23.

A telegram from Petrograd states that the news of the submarine of the steamer Zara with returning Russian airmen on board, was a thunderbolt to the Russian Socialist extremists, who declare that the German rulers must pay for this blow to the Revolution.

MR. BALFOUR AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 23.

Mr. Balfour has called on the State Department and at White House, and was everywhere cheered. He lunched at the French Embassy, and dined with President Wilson at White House.

Mr. Lansing, in response to enquiries, said the day's conferences had been most cordial. The British Commission had come seeking for nothing. Its sole purpose was the enlightening of the United States on the mistakes of the Entente at the outset of the war. The French Commission's visit would be one of courtesy. Mr. Lansing said that it did not expect anything in the nature of a war conference.

MR. BALFOUR AND M. VIVIANI TO ADDRESS CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 24.

At the invitation of the Vice-President, Mr. Balfour and M. Viviani will address a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The date has not yet been fixed.

AMERICA AND THE INTERNED GERMAN SHIPS.

WASHINGTON, April 24.

Bills have been introduced in both Houses, enabling the use of interned Austrian and German ships. The rights involved will be determined after the war.

UNITED STATES EXPORT TRADE.

WASHINGTON, April 23.

Despite the submarine campaign, the value of the United States exports for March was \$1,351,278,000 which was only exceeded in January, when the total was unrepresented.

AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER AND CONSCRIPTION.

MELBOURNE, April 24.

Mr. Hughes, in a speech, said: "If national disaster threatened Australia and the Empire, I should certainly again propose conscription."

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE.

THE ENEMY'S DESPERATION.

LONDON, April 23.

The second phase of the battle of Arras is described by correspondents as the most difficult of the war. In this struggle to the death, the Germans, no longer uncertain of the point of attack, brought up many more guns and field howitzer batteries, which were thickly grouped between Lens and the Cambrai-Arras road.

Wherever the German infantry withstood our assaults it was wholly due to their supporting artillery and machine-guns. Wherever the British got within striking distance of the enemy positions, the occupants ran to meet them, holding up their hands, or bolted. The German regiment south of Cambrai was demoralized by our appalling shell fire and surrendered in batches, 500 holding up their hands immediately the British infantry appeared.

A battery of field guns, overwhelmed by the British, was captured in the same area.

The stoutest resistance was made by the Third Bavarian division, around Guemappe, where the fortified houses and dugouts had been bombed. English, Welsh and Scottish troops were engaged. Apart from innumerable machine-guns, the ground was alive with snipers and many of the British were shot from behind after entering the German lines.

IMPORTANT POSITIONS GAINED.

LONDON, April 23.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: "There has been heavy continuous fighting throughout the day on both banks of the river Scarpe, and important positions gained."

A marked feature of the operations has been the frequency and violence of counter-attacks, in which there were very heavy enemy losses.

We captured Gavrelle village and two-and-a-half miles of defences to the southward of the village as far as Roenx Cemetery.

We fought our way forward on the right bank of the Scarpe on a wide front southward and eastward of Monchy-lez-Preaux, and captured Guemappe.

We captured considerably over one thousand prisoners.

We also progressed south-westward of Lens.

There was great aerial activity on Sunday. Our aircraft were entirely successful. Six German aeroplanes were brought down, fifteen were driven down, and two of ours attacked eight machines, bringing down two, driving down a third, and our anti-aircraft guns shot down a fourth. We destroyed seven balloons. Four of our machines are missing.

ENEMY ATTACKS IN BELGIUM REPULSED.

PARIS, April 23.

A communiqué states: "In Belgium we completely repulsed several enemy attacks at various points."

Small enemy parties succeeded in penetrating the advanced elements but were driven out again immediately, after hand-to-hand fighting, leaving prisoners.

Between the Somme and the Oise our batteries carried out an effective and destructive fire against German organisations.

Between the Aisne and Chemin-des-dames we made progress north of Saucy.

Artillery duels were particularly severe in the sector of Hurbise Farm. Our pilots were engaged in numerous aerial fights on the 22nd instant, bringing down six enemy aeroplanes.

Fourteen of our aeroplanes on the night of 22-23 dropped 1,740 kilograms of projectiles on stations and towns in the valley of the Aisne.

AN ANZAC ANNIVERSARY.

STIRRING MESSAGE TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, April 23.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, a member of the War Cabinet, has sent the following message to Australia:

"The second anniversary of the memorable landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli recalls to our minds an achievement unsurpassed in this great war which deserves to live throughout the history of the Empire."

"A tradition so magnificently founded will, I doubt not, be carried on in a manner worthy of those who freely offered their lives when they stormed a position which the enemy thought to be impregnable."

"As the conflict progresses we see that enemy, as his strength weakens, has recourse to greater infamies; the shameful devastation of the territory reconquered in France, the deportation of women and non-combatants, and, above all, the shameful slaughter of wounded heroes by attacks delivered upon hospital ships are signs that the enemy is lost to all sense of humanity and the meaning of civilisation."

To uphold the glorious tradition of the Anzac landing, avenge the wrongs done by the enemy to the innocent, and to re-establish the rights of the smaller nations to freedom and justice are the noble aims which will, I feel confident, inspire all Australians, together with their comrades in other parts of the Empire, to further efforts in order to bring the conflict to a victorious conclusion."

Sir William Robertson, Chief of the General Staff, sent the following message:

"We all recognise with pride and gratitude the fine work done by the Dominion troops of the Empire in every theatre of war, and look with every confidence to a supreme effort being made by all at home and abroad in order that we will finish the business we have in hand and in such a way as shall for generations to come prevent a recurrence of the horrors and hardships of the last two-and-a-half years."

CHINESE SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM.

A LONDON MEETING.

LONDON, April 24.

At a meeting held in Caxton Hall to wind up the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade, Bishop Brent paid a tribute to the power of China, as shown in ridding herself of the terrible incubus of the opium trade even during the great revolution. Only those who knew the Chinese at close quarters could appreciate their wonderful potentiality as a nation.

The Chinese Minister said the Chinese Government would not rest until even clandestine opium-smoking was entirely stopped.

THE SILVER MARKET.

LARGE U.S. PURCHASES LIKELY.

LONDON, April 20.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co.'s report, dated 19th inst., states: "The spathy of the market, due to scanty supplies and a small and fickle demand, sharply changed yesterday when some China purchases set in and the market was not broad enough to fill the demand. It is understood that the United States Government made further purchases last week and the paucity offering from there encourages the idea that the coinage requirements of the United States is likely to be an important factor. Thus, much expansion of American supplies is hardly to be expected even at advancing prices."

Continued pressure to buy upon a starved market may carry the quotation to a figure more tempting to speculative holders, the number and the holding of whom are now modest, or to a level at which substantial China sales will become profitable.

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LONDON, April 23.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-sixth ordinary meeting states: "The General Agents and Consulting Committee have pleasure in submitting a statement of the affairs of the Office made up to 31st December, 1916, in Sterling and Hongkong currency."

1916 Account.—After paying an interim dividend of 818 per share on 4th May, 1916, the amount standing to the credit of this account is \$633,993.59. This is resolved, to deal with in the following manner:—

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1916 Account.—The amount standing at credit of this account is \$2,744,983.76, out of which the General Agents and Consulting Committee have declared an interim dividend of 818 per share amounting to \$1,800,000. The balance of \$944,983.76 will be carried forward.

Consulting Committee.—Since the last meeting Mr. D. W. Craddock resigned his seat on leaving the Colony. The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. Shellin, and Messrs F. Meitland, H. P. White, O.S. Gubbey and Sir Robert Ho Tung retire, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Advitors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs H. Percy Smith, F.O.A., and A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

THE GOVERNOR'S REMARKS RESUMED.

After the meeting had endorsed the motion which the Chairman had proposed at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Mr. S. H. DODWELL said: "There is one further resolution I wish to move this evening. It has reference to certain remarks made by His Excellency the Governor in the recent debate in the Legislative Council on the 19th instant, remarks which were taken exception to by Mr. Holyoak at the time, and with which I feel sure you are all familiar. At the conclusion of the debate His Excellency said:—

"I have only one remark to make, and that is that I don't think any unprejudiced person would consider that the words I used in reference to the deceased Sir Thomas Jackson and deceased William Keswick [Mr. Holyoak: And others] can by any stretch of imagination be construed into an insult to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce or its committee. I will now put the motion."

I personally was not present in the Council Chamber, but I have carefully read the various reports of the debate in our local Press, and with all due respect I say I cannot agree with His Excellency (Applause). To my mind, no unprejudiced person could come to any other conclusion than that some of His Excellency's remarks, to say the least, were lacking in that courtesy which I think this Chamber is entitled to receive from the Government. (Loud applause.) In face of His Excellency's concluding words—those I have just read to you—I personally do not believe that any studied insult or even discourtesy was intended. I take that view the more readily as it seems to me incredible that the Governor, no matter how strongly he was opposed to our views, would wish to make such disparaging remarks about the members of the community chosen by you for your committee—men who, whatever their qualifications, have been entrusted by their fellows with the management of business concerns controlling millions of dollars, and who, further, I submit, have taken a very responsible part in guiding those concerns safely and successfully through the greatest crisis in the history of the world—(Applause). And yet, Gentlemen, what other inference can one draw? I ask any of you, if you can put any other construction on the words, to get up and let us have it. I would remind you that the report of the proceedings in the Legislative Council is likely to be widely read, not only in the Far-East, and I think we have to take into consideration the construction that will be put upon the report by that public which we have also to consider. I therefore feel very strongly that if we do not take exception to the words used by His Excellency we should lose not only our self-respect, but our right to be taken seriously hereafter by any commercial body, and more particularly by the Hongkong Government itself. (Applause.) Gentlemen, with those few remarks I beg to propose:—

That the members of this Chamber desire to take exception to the words used by H. E. the Governor at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on Thursday, the 19th of April last, in speaking to a resolution which ought to convey to the Imperial Authorities the carefully reasoned and unanimous opinion of the Committee of this Chamber. (Applause.)

[Sir Paul Chater, at this stage, left the meeting.]

Mr. C. MONTAGUE EDZ, in seconding the resolution said: Gentlemen, the mover of this resolution has told you that in coming to the conclusions at which he has arrived, he has been influenced only by the printed report or reports of the proceedings of the Council on the 19th of this month. He was not present in the room and therefore cannot tell you first hand what actually occurred. I, Gentlemen, was there. I was in the room during the debate; I was in a position peculiarly favourable, as I faced H. E. the Governor, and not only heard every word he said but noted particularly the inflections of his voice, and I can assure you that the impression conveyed to my mind was that the slight to this Chamber was intentional. I would specially call your attention to the following paragraph in Mr. Holyoak's speech:—

"Finally, I would remind you that the views I have endeavoured, however incompetently, to set forth are unitedly shared and endorsed by the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which, at a recent meeting specially convened to consider the whole matter, unanimously adopted the identical motion on which I am addressing you. The composition of this Committee is so well known to your Excellency and this Council that I am certain its carefully considered opinion will not fail to carry the weight it deserves with the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

In this His Excellency the Governor was clearly informed of the unanimity existing, and there is therefore less excuse for what transpired afterwards. (Applause.) I understand that His Excellency the Governor has stated that a wrong construction has been put upon what he said, but I regret very much that having been present and having weighed the point most carefully, I for one cannot accept this explanation. Fortunately this matter can be judged by you all on its own merits, and I therefore leave it to you to show by voting unanimously for the Resolution that you take exception to the way in which

this Chamber, through its representative, was slighted and its considered opinion set at naught. With these remarks I second the resolution. (Loud Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN (Hon. Mr. Holyoak): I am glad that the burden of proposing or seconding this resolution has not fallen on my shoulders, the more so because "I was present and deeply interested in what took place. I voiced the resentment, which I can perfectly and clearly see is 'felt deeply' by all of you in the Council directly after it had occurred, and I therefore propose to leave it to the vote. It is due to H. E. the Governor, I should tell you that he sent for me on Saturday and in the course of the interview again explained to me that he could not see how I or any one else could possibly place upon his words the interpretation which we have done, and it is also due to him to say that he never intended such an interpretation at all. But be that as it may, gentlemen, when an utterance is made by a public man, be it Governor or politician, he must accept responsibility for the spoken word—(Applause)—and in the absence of a public withdrawal, as public as his statement has been made, we have no other course to adopt. With these few words I will put the resolution which has been proposed by Mr. Dodwell and seconded by Mr. Edz.

No hand being raised against the resolution was declared to be carried unanimously, amid applause.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, May I express before you leave the appreciation of the Committee of the Chamber in what amounts to a vote of confidence to us? (Applause.) Believe me, the work of the Committee of the Chamber and your representative is by no means light, and certainly could not be carried on for one single moment without the Committee and the Representative feeling that they had the unanimous opinion of the Chamber behind them—(Applause.)

Mr. BELL: May I ask where you propose to forward these resolutions?

The CHAIRMAN: These resolutions I take it, will be sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Mr. BELL: May I suggest, Sir, that they should be sent to the Committee of the United Chambers of Commerce at home?

Mr. BELL: That will be done, Mr. Bell.

Mr. A. FORBES proposed that a public meeting should be held, because he thought the matter ought to be publicly discussed. He proposed that the meeting be held as early as possible.

Mr. LOUGHLIN seconded, saying it was most important that the opinion of this Colony as a whole should be sent home, and not merely the voice of the Chamber of Commerce.

The CHAIRMAN: I think I can say that at an early date we will endeavour to arrange a public meeting for you. Personally, I have been inundated with letters, telephone calls, etc., urging that this meeting should be a public meeting, but I had to tell them that this was a private meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and that other people could not vote if they came. I was, therefore, urged that the public should be given an opportunity of expressing its opinion, and it may be possible to arrange for a meeting to take place on Thursday next at 5.30 at the Theatre. That remains to be seen.

The meeting then closed.

FIGHTING IN SZECHUAN.

BETWEEN REGULAR AND DISBANDED TROOPS.

PART OF CHENG TU IN RUINS.

During the past week there has been fighting apparently on a considerable scale between disbanded Yunnan soldiers and troops of the regular army in Szechuan. It commenced on the 18th inst., but on the 19th a truce was arranged by the foreign Consuls and local gentry at Chengtu.

The Tukwan's yamen was surrendered by the disbanded troops. Urgent telegrams were sent to Peking, and both the Commander of the disbanded troops and the Tukwan were ordered to come immediately to Peking.

The Tukwan of Yunnan who had sent a force to assist the fighting Yunnan troops was ordered by the Government to recall it.

But the truce apparently did not last long for severe street fighting is reported to have taken place in the city of Chengtu on the night of the 21st, when the Yunnan troops were reported to have been defeated, and they left the city which is partly in ruins.

A mandate was issued yesterday dismissing the Commander of the regular troops in Szechuan.

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HONGKONG.

OUTLET OF BEER.

NEW BILL PROMISED BY HOME SECRETARY.

There was an animated discussion in the House of Commons on problems connected with the liquor traffic and the war. Sir George Cave, the Home Secretary, told the House that he would soon be bringing in a Bill to give effect to the Food Controller's recently announced plan that the output of beer after April 1st was to be reduced to 70 per cent. of the output of 1916, which would be 60 per cent. of the output of 1915. He added that the Government would take powers in the Bill to vary the amount, according as may be thought necessary, in view of the conditions of the food supply. He did not shut State control of the liquor trade out of his purview, or even State purchase. But for the present the Government are satisfied with the reduction specified by the Food Controller. Mr. Lett Jones and his friends, dissatisfied with the amount of the reduction, pressed for total prohibition. He argued that even on the reduced scale of 1916 the amount of foodstuffs diverted to brewing were 942,000 tons of barley, 55,000 tons of rice and maize, and 119,000 tons of sugar; 91,000 acres were given up to hops, which would be sufficient to grow 150,000 tons of potatoes and 800,000 quarters of oats.

Sir George Cave assured the House that, if necessity arose, the Government would not hesitate a moment, but at present the necessity had not arisen, and he did not believe that public opinion was ripe for prohibition. As regards spirits, practically no potable spirits are now being manufactured. All the patent stills are busy making spirits for explosives; only a few pot stills are still making potable spirits, and these, he said, did not amount to very much. Then why not, it was asked, draw upon the 140,000,000 gallons of spirits now in stock, and so save the waste of any new foodstuffs? Because it would not pay, was the answer; though here again, if need arises, the Government will freely draw on these bonded spirits to obtain alcohol for explosives. Mr. Bannerman seemed inclined to differentiate between the prohibition of manufacture and the prohibition of sale, and he thought that the stocks of beer now in the country would

last quite a long time without being added to, if consumption were reduced to moderate limits. Mr. Sherwell described the Prohibition movement as a middle-class movement, which, he added, does not make it less patriotic, but does render it less representative, especially of working-class opinion. Mr. Wardle, for the Labour party, said Prohibition would be met with determined opposition.

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THE GIFT OF THE NIZAM OF HAIDARABAD.

His Majesty's Government last month gratefully accepted the munificent gift of £2100,000 sterling by the Nizam of Haiderabad to the Admiralty towards the anti-submarine campaign.

The text of His Highness's letter to the Viceroy of India, containing the offer, is as follows:—

"As your Excellency has recently remarked, the moment has arrived when the Empire must make a united effort to finish this war. In this further effort I am anxious that I and my people of Haiderabad should take a part, however humble. So far the assistance which I have been able to render to the Imperial Government has been devoted entirely to the prosecution of the war by land. Mine is not a maritime State, but even in Haiderabad we have realized the importance of the Navy, especially at the present time, when the submarine menace has again become acute."

It is my earnest desire to be associated, in however small a degree, with the anti-submarine campaign. Actuated as I am, I am unable to offer either ships or men for service on the sea. I therefore propose to place at the disposal of the Admiralty the sum of £2100,000 to be devoted to those secret methods of coping with the submarines, which I understand, have been so successful in the past, and which I hope will be still more successful in the future. I shall therefore be much obliged if your Excellency will communicate this offer to the naval advisers of His Imperial Majesty, and if they are pleased to accept this contribution I will arrange for payment to be made in London forthwith."

I need hardly add that I shall still continue my contribution of £200,000 per annum, which I have made since September, 1914, for the prosecution of the war by land.

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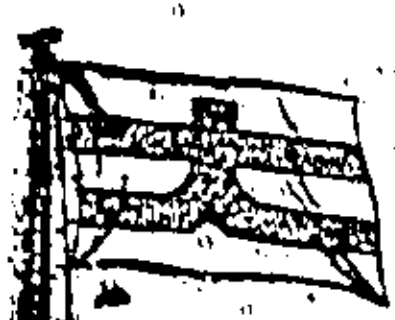
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"AMAKUSA MARU" Sunday, 29th April, at 8 a.m.Calling at Tamsui, Keelung via Swatow and Amoy.
Omitting Tamsui and Keelung.

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A steamer	Shortly	

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Regular Service of Steamers between Japan, Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia, Samarang and Sourabaya.

Sail on or about

For Sailing dates

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C. N. C.
CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
WEIHAWEI & TIENTSIN	Hutchow	April 26, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Szechuen	April 26, at 4 p.m.
AMOI & MANILA	Chenai	April 27, Daylight
SHANGHAI	Chenai	April 29, Daylight

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER—Twice Weekly.

S.S. 'LINTAN' and S.S. 'SANUL'

MANILA LINE. Twin Screw Steamers 'Chinhua', 'Taming' and 'Tean'. Excellent Saloon accommodation amidships. Electric Fans fitted. Extra state-rooms on deck, aft on 'Taming' and 'Tean'.

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These steamers maintain a regular schedule service between Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports. Passengers are landed in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transshipment at Woosung.
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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	KUTSANG	FRIDAY, April 27, Daylight
MANILA	TAISANG	SATURDAY, April 28, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	WINGSANG	TUESDAY, May 1, Daylight
HAIPHONG	LOASANG	TUESDAY, May 1, at 7 a.m.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	SATURDAY, May 5, at 3 p.m.

CALCUTTA LINE.—Three sailings per month from Hongkong to Calcutta calling at Singapore and Penang.

Returning from Calcutta, steamers proceed to Kobe and Moji, frequently calling at Shanghai.

These steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with electric light and carry a fully qualified Surgeon.

SHANGHAI LINE.—Sailings approximately every five days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow.

Steamers on this line have a limited amount of passenger accommodation, and through tickets can be obtained for Northern and Yangtze Ports via Shanghai. Through Bills of Lading are issued to all Northern and Yangtze Ports.

MANILA LINE.—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every Saturday.

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Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kudat, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawau and Labad Datu.

TIENTSIN LINE.—A regular service is run from March to October between Hongkong and Tientsin, calling at Weihaiwei and Chefoo.

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SAILINGS (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Steamers	Arrives Hongkong from Australia	Leaves Hongkong for Australia
"CHANGSHA"		May 23rd at Noon

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Hongkong, April 25, 1917.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

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AND RETURN.

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STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
HAITAN	Capt. A. E. Hodgson	TUESDAY, 1st May at 12 Noon
HAIPHONG	Capt. J. W. Evans	FRIDAY, 4th May at 12 Noon

SWATOW

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For FREIGHT and PASSAGE apply to—

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

SHIPPING

NOTICE.

S.S. "MEIKAI MARU."

THE Mitsui Bussan Kaisha's S.S. "MEIKAI MARU" will be despatched by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha from this Port for Japan, San Francisco, Panama and South American Ports, on TUESDAY, the 24th April at Noon. For full particulars regarding Freight, etc., apply to

T. DAIGO,

Agent, Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Agents, The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Hongkong, April 20, 1917. 1717

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS AND MANILA

THE Steamship

"KOREA MARU"

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on WEDNESDAY, 25th April at 5 p.m. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all Cargo remaining undelivered on SUNDAY, 29th April, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged Cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on the 1st May, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after the 14th May, 1917.

T. DAIGO,

Agent, Hongkong, April 23, 1917. 1715

BARBER LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. "EGRENT CASTLE."

FROM NEW YORK

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th April will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 14th May, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th April at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, April 23, 1917. 1715

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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
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VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NAGASAKI, YOKOHAMA TUESDAY, 1st May at Noon
"YOKOHAMA MARU" (Capt. Terada, Tons 12,500) May at NoonNAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA FRIDAY, 18th May at 11 a.m.
"TANGO MARU" (Capt. Soyeda, Tons 13,500) May at 11 a.m.SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA SUNDAY, 20th April at 11 a.m.
"KATORI MARU" (Capt. Ren, Tons 21,000) April at 11 a.m.
"KOMO MARU" (Capt. Inada, Tons 18,000) May at 11 a.m.SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE THURSDAY, 10th May
"RANGKON MARU" (Capt. Kobayashi, Tons 8,000) May

LONDON VIA SINGAPORE, MALACCA, PENANG, COLOMBO, DELAGOA BAY, CAPE TOWN AND MADEIRA

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE

CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON

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B. MORE, Manager.

Telephone Nos. 122 & 123

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PARADES.

Thursday, April 26th.—No. 3 Company under Chief Inspector Lamert and O. C. Company, at Central Station, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, April 27th.—No. 2 Section at Water Police Station under C.S.M. 5.45 p.m. Also recruits at No. 2 Company at Central Station at 5.30 p.m.

AMBULANCE PLATOON.

During month of May, all ranks will attend the following:—
Every Tuesday At Central Station at 5.30 for Squad Drill.
Every Thursday At Tang Wah Hospital at 5 p.m. for Lecture.

POLICE SCHOOL.

Class X (Inspector Gerrard)—Final sitting on Tuesday, May 1st at 3.30 p.m. (Sgd.) F. C. JEWELL, D.S.P. (R.).

To-day's Advertisements.

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As follows:—
Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and Chesterfield Sofas, Card Tables, Bedroom Furniture, Double and Single Brass Bedsteads, Twin Bedsteads (Teakwood and Brass), Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Extension Dining Tables, Chairs, Tea and Occasional Tables, etc., Dinner Services, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, Toilet Sets, etc., Bath Room Utensils, Roll-top Desks and Writing Tables, Electric Plated Ware, etc.

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Also:
Tea and Coffee, and Netting, etc., and Oliver and Smith Typewriters, Carpets (New and second hand), Child's Cots, etc. (Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Terms:—Cash.
HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, April 25, 1917. 1728

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Hongkong, March 15, 1917. 1577

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Hongkong, April 25, 1917. 1378

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Hongkong, April 16, 1917. 1685

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FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

CHAIRS.

I.—In Victoria with two Bearers.

Quarter hour, 10 cents.

Half hour, 20 "

One hour, 35 "

Three hours, 75 "

Six hours, 1.00 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 1.50 "

If the trip is extended beyond Victoria, half fare extra.

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 8 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, 0.60 cents.

Three hours, 1.00 "

Six hours, 1.50 "

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), 2.00 "

III.—In the Hill District.

With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour, \$0.15 \$0.30

Half hour, 0.20 0.40

One hour, 0.30 0.60

Two hours, 0.50 0.90

Three hours, 0.70 1.00

Six hours, 1.00 1.50

Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 1.50 2.00

IV.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes, 5 cents.

Quarter hour, 10 "

Half hour, 15 "

One hour, 20 "

Every subsequent hour, 20 "

NOTE.—If the ricksha be engaged within the City of Victoria, and be discharged outside the Western part of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be discharged to the East of Bay View Police Station on the Eastern side of the City of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half fare shall be chargeable.

II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, 5 cents.

Half hour, 10 "

One hour, 15 "

Every subsequent hour, 10 "

III.—Taipo Road.

Twenty cents shall be added for each extra hour or part of an hour if the driver causes the journey to take longer than —

To 4th mile—

single 75 cents. 1 hour.

return \$1.00. 2 hours.

Beyond 4th to 6th mile—

single \$1.25. 2 hours.

return \$1.50. 4 "

Beyond 6th to 9th mile—

single \$1.75. 2 1/2 "

return \$2.00. 5 "

Beyond 9th to 11th mile—

single \$2.00. 3 "

return \$2.50. 7 "

Fares for journeys beyond the 11th mile to be a matter of previous arrangement in each case.

The fares here set out to apply to one ricksha with three coolies from Tsai Sha Tsai.

FARES FOR PUBLIC CARRIAGES.

Not exceeding per passenger.

From Slaughter House to Sailors' Home 04 cents.

From Sailors' Home to Government Civil Hospital 04 "

From Government Civil Hospital to Clock Tower 04 "

From Clock Tower to Race Course 10 "

From Clock Tower to Bay View House 12 "

From Wanchai Market to Bay View House 08 "

From Bay View House to Quarry Bay 08 "

II.—In the City of Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour, 10 cents.

Half hour, 20 "

One hour, 30 "

Two hours, 50 "

Three hours, 60 "

Four hours, 70 "

Five hours, 80 "

Six hours, 90 "

One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

III.—Beyond Victoria.

Not exceeding per passenger.

One hour, 25 cents.

Two hours, 45 "

Three hours, 60 "

Four hours, 75 "

Five hours, 85 "

Six hours, 90 "

One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

If a vehicle is discharged beyond the limits of the City of Victoria, half fare extra is to be allowed for the return journey.

IV.—In Kowloon.

Not exceeding per passenger.

Quarter hour, \$.40

Half hour,80

One hour, 1.20

Two hours, 1.40

Three hours, 1.60

Four hours, 1.80

Five hours, 2.00

Six hours, 2.20

One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 2.00

Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 8 a.m. the above fares shall be increased by 50 per centum.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous On date at On date at

Barometer 29.87 29.86 29.87

Temperature 68 68 68

Humidity 86 86 81

Direction of Wind S S E

Force 6 6 6

Weather Clear Clear Clear

Rainfall 0.01 0.00 0.00

Notes: Open air temperature on the 25th 72° Lowest open air temperature on the 25th 58° To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

T. F. CLARKE, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, April 25, 1917.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 25th at 11.50.—No returns from Indo-China. Pressure has decreased quickly at the Bonin Islands and slightly at Weihaiwei and Vladivostok; it has increased slightly to moderately elsewhere. The anticyclone exhibits a tendency to break up, and a depression is situated to the west of the Bonin.

Fresh easterly winds will prevail over the northern portion of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 7.35 inches, against an average of 10.48 inches.